



BUILDING YOUR JOURNAL SUBMISSION PLAN



You've conducted your research and now it's time to write your manuscript but finding the right journal to publish in can be time-consuming.

Use this worksheet to streamline the process. Prioritize the criteria that are most important to you when submitting your paper.

Rank these journal criteria from 1-10, 1 being the most important to you and 10 being the least important to you:

- High prestige (measured by citations, downloads, Altmetric™, Impact Factor, or any combination thereof)
- A high acceptance rate
- A short time to first decision
- My preferred indexing service available
- A fully Open Access or subscription model
- The target audience I'm looking for
- Research on topics relevant to my work
- A word or figure limit that my paper falls within
- Complies with my funder's mandate
- Personal criteria — (Ex: Suggested by a colleague)

Tools to Help Your Journal Selection:

Transfer processes: Some major publishers, including Springer Nature, as well as other larger publishers, offer a transfer service for rejected submissions. These services help authors find suitable journals from among the other titles they publish, and help reduce the time and effort it takes to resubmit. You can keep these services in mind when developing your submission plan, by considering a list of journals from the same publisher. You can learn more about Springer Nature's particular approach to transfers at springernature.com/transferdesk

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AuthorMapper is an easy-to-use tool that shows you journals, articles, and authors in your field based upon geographical location.

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Your Journal Submission Plan

Journal	Aims and Scope	Journal Prestige	Acceptance %	Time to decision	Journal Restrictions	Similar Papers (3-5)	Publication Charges

Top Choice:

Additional considerations: